

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 30 are pending in the application. Claims 1 – 30 are rejected. Claim 1 is amended. Claims 1 - 30 remain.

Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

It is asserted in the Office Action that (1) Claims 1-3, 6-7, 10-12, 15-16 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 7,055,167 issued to Masters; (2) Claims 4-5, 8-9, 13-14 and 17-18 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 7,055,167 issued to Masters; in view of US Patent No. 7,212,730 issued to Boston et al., (3) Claims 19-23, 25-29 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 7,055,167 issued to Masters; in view of US Pub. No. 30020126600 A1 to Heuvelman; and (4) Claims 24, 30 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Master and Heuvelman; in view of Boston et al. Applicant notes that the Examiner has withdrawn the citation to Boston et al. as a primary reference and withdrawn the citation to Gogoi et al. Instead, the Examiner relies upon newly cited Masters to provide the teaching of a personal channel contending that the outputting to the personal channel is taught by Masters at column 5, lines 36-61, and with respect to Claim 10, at column 2, lines 30-46. However, Masters does not appear to disclose generating an EPG for informing the user that the preferred program is outputted to the personal channel. That is, in the present invention, the personal channel is created containing programs selected based upon viewing history and then an EPG is generated reflecting the program information which has been recorded by the PDR.

This is to be contrasted with the prior art including Masters wherein the EPG information corresponds to all programs on all channels. For example, in column 5, beginning at line 40 of Masters, it is stated that PVR 4 receives the EPG information from an external source. Although it notes that the EPG module may be located inside PVR 4, Masters clearly states that:

“the EPG information may be received together with the broadcast programs from the broadcast source to and may be separated from the broadcast programs either within the PVR 4 or within a set top box. Further, the EPG information may be received via the Internet or via a dial-up telephone link between the PVR 4 and the provider of the EPG information.”

This is to be contrasted with the present invention wherein the EPG contains programming information for only a single channel, i.e., the personal channel, and is generated by the invented method or apparatus, and is not created externally and then provided to the PDR. This limitation is reflected in the independent claims as follows:

Claim 1:

- b) determining the preferred duration and the preferred program in the preferred duration based on usage history of the PDR, and updating the instance description data to include the preferred duration and the preferred program;
- c) generating an electronic program guide (EPG) for informing the user that the preferred program is outputted on the personal channel at the preferred duration based on the updated instance description data.

Claim 10:

a processing portion for updating the instance description data based on the user preference data and generating an EPG which informs the user that the preferred program is outputted through the personal channel at the preferred duration based on the updated instance description data, the processing portion being connected to the memory portion, the database, and the display portion.

Claim 19:

- b) generating a personal channel and determining a broadcasting program which is included in the personal channel based on user preference data, the content description data, and instance description data;
- c) updating the instance description data to include information of the determined broadcasting program; and
- d) generating an electronic program guide (EPG) based on the content description data and the updated instance description data.

Claim 25:

a personal channel controller for generating a personal channel and determining a broadcasting program which is included in the personal channel based on user preference data, the content description data, and instance description data and updating the instance description data to include information of the determined broadcasting program and generating an electronic program guide (EPG) based on the content description data and the updated instance description data.

In this connection, it is possible that there is some confusion because Claim 1 which refers to outputting the EPG to the PDR. For this reason, Applicant has amended Claim 1 by deleting this step since Applicant does not believe that the EPG is actually outputted to the PDR, but rather is outputted to the display.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the above rejections is respectfully requested.


In conclusion, Applicant submits that the claims pending examination, mainly Claims 1-30 are now in condition for allowance, which early action is requested.

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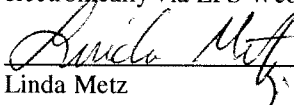
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